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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1484

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH SUDANESE CHARGE MIRGHANI MARCH
11, MIRGHANI MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS RE CURRENT STATE OF
SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS:

A. HE THOUGHT THERE NO RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN SUDANESE/
ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS. REPORTED MEDIATION ATTEMPTS BY THIRD
COUNTRIES TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE HAD THUS FAR COME TO NOTHING.

B. BORDER WAS RESTLESS PARTICULARLY AROUND METEMMA.
ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES AT RATE OF 100 OR MORE A DAY WERE STREAM-
ING INTO GALLABAT WHICH WAS UNEQUIPPED TO CARE FOR THEM. GOS
WOULD NONETHELESS DO WHAT IT COULD.

C. THERE HAD BEEN AN EFFORT IN GAMBELA BY LOCAL PEOPLE TO
FORCE CLOSURE OF SUDANESE CONSULATE THERE, BUT EPMG AUTHORI-
TIES PUT STOP TO IT. SUDANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS RECEIVED NO
SUCH REQUEST FROM MOFA.

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D. SUDANESE COMMUNITY IN ADDIS DOES NOT FEEL ITSELF
UNDER PRESSURE. MIRGHANI SPECULATED EPMG LINE THAT SUDANESE
PEOPLE, AS DISTINCT FROM GOS, DID NOT SUPPORT GOS ON ERITREA
AND WERE SYMPATHETIC TO PROGRESSIVE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION,
WAS HELPING KEEP SITUATION IN HAND FOR SUDANESE NATIONALS IN
ADDIS.

2. RE POSSIBLE MEDIATION, SEPARATE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE MARCH
12 QUOTED TO US BERHANU DINKA, CHIEF, AFRICAN DIVISION, MOFA,
WHO RECENTLY HEADED EPMG DELEGATION TO AFRO-ARAB MEETING
IN CAIRO, AS TELLING HIM WITHOUT ELABORATION THAT YUGOSLAVS
WERE NOW MOVING ACTIVELY INTO MEDIATION ROLE.
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